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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION ISLAMABAD INFO KARACHI DATED
16 SEP 15 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION

QUOTE

UNCLAS PESHAWAR 0715

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SREF, EAID, ICRC, PK, AF
SUBJECT: APPEAL FOR NEW ICRC PARAPLEGIC/PROSTHETICS CENTER IN
PESHAWAR

1. THIS IS AN ACTION MESSAGE.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 16, DIRECTOR OF ICRC S PARAPLEGIC AND PROSTHETICS
CENTER FOR WAR-INJURED AFGHANS IN PESHAWAR, DR. BERNARD
BETRANCOURT, INDICATED INTEREST IN USG ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING
OPERATING COSTS OF A PLANNED PERMANENT PARAPLEGIC CENTER IN
PESHAWAR. ACCORDING TO THE DOCTOR, THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SIDA) HAS PLEDGED APPROXIMATELY DOLS
800,000 (SFR. 800,000) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SITE.
ICRC HAS REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL PLEDGE OF SOME DOLS
800,000 (SFR. 1,600,000) FROM SIDA FOR THREE YEAR OPERATING
COSTS. SIDA HAS NOT YET RESPONDED TO ICRC APPEAL. BETRANCOURT
ESTIMATES THAT OPERATING COSTS WILL RUN BETWEEN DOLS
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20,000 -- DOLS 25,000 PER MONTH AND THAT VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE
SUM WILL BE SPENT IN PAKISTANI RUPEES. (COPY OF APPEAL
DOCUMENT BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY RP/IAR AND USMISSION GENEVA).

3. DR. BETRANCOURT SAID THAT DR. ARBEX OF THE MEDICAL DIVISION
OF ICRC WILL BE CONTACTING USMISSION GENEVA ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. COMMENT: CONSULATE OFFICERS WERE GIVEN TOUR OF CENTER
CURRENTLY OPERATED BY ICRC FOR WAR-WOUNDED AFGHAN MEN, WOMEN
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AND CHILDREN. THE ICRC IS TREATING 35 PARAPLEGICS AND AMPUTEES AND APPEARS TO BE DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF CARING FOR AND REHABILITATING THESE VICTIMS OF SOVIET AGGRESSION IN AFGHANISTAN. THE SEVERITY OF THE WOUNDS TREATED AND THE EXCELLENT RECORD OF RHABILITATION ARE TRIBUTES TO THE DEDICATION AND SKILL OF THE STAFF, BOTH EUROPEAN AND AFGHAN. ACCORDING TO BETRANCOURT, THE CENTER NEEDS FIRM PLEDGES OF ASSISTANCE ASAP IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR THE NEW BUILDING. WE REALIZE IT IS TOO LATE IN THE FY FOR ICRC PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RUPEE GRANT BUT URGE THAT ANY AVAILABLE YEAR-END DOLLAR FUNDS AVAILABLE BE USED FOR THIS PROGRAM. IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT ICRC PARAPLEGIC CENTER BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION FOR RUPEE GRANT IN FY 83.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY IN ACCORD WITH ABOVE RECOMMENDATION, SUGGEST THIS CABLE BE REPEATED TO SECSTATE (FOR RP/IAR) AND USMISSION GENEVA.
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